REGULAR MEETING OF BRULE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 19, 2025

# The Board of Brule County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. at the Brule County Courthouse. Members present: DeBoer, Leiferman, Dozark, Mairose and Swanson . Also present: Debi Kourt, Central Dakota Times and Steve Meyer, Deputy States Attorney. No public comments or conflicts of interest were declared.

## **APPROVE MINUTES**

Commissioner Mairose moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to approve the minutes of 6-5-2025. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**INNOVATIVE BASEMENT AUTHORITY**

Drew with Innovative Basement Authority called in and visited with the commissioners regarding the building settling. Per our contract for the stabilization they will do an annual inspection for 5 years and Drew felt that more needs to be done on the rest of the building, but to be sure an inspection needs to be done of the entire building to get a benchmark of where the building is sitting now and then again in a year to see how much it is moving. This comes at no cost for the inspection, so the commissioners advised them to schedule the inspection and get the ball rolling as the County wanted to install windows, but don’t want to spend the money on installing new windows if more needs to be done to stabilize the building.

**WINDOW REPLACEMENT BIDS**

Independent Viking Glass came to the Courthouse to do more accurate measurements on the windows prior to ordering the windows and explained that the price difference in their quote was for 2 different types of windows. The quote that was accepted are for the store front windows that they quoted previously but the price increased due to the added warranty that was given. So the other quote that was given ($261,315) is for a different style of window that installs a frame into the opening of the window and then the window snaps into the frame allowing for more movement without the window being affected. After the call with the Innovative Basement crew member the commissioners wanted to wait to install the windows until another inspection cold be made of the settling of the Courthouse. Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to table the windows at this time. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL**

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to hire Tate Fremo as Deputy Sheriff effective June 9, 2025, at $20.13/hour.  All members voted aye on new motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to approve the resignation of Jose Gonsalez-Martinez effective June 16, 2025, he resigned verbally and was done immediately. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to accept the resignation of Jackson VanderWindt as Deputy Sheriff effective June 29, 2025. All members voted aye. VanderWindt is accepting a Deputy Sheriff position in Lyons County, Iowa and that department would like to purchase his ballistic vest from Brule County. Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Mairose seconded to sell the vest to them for $500.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to hire Susie Pease as Deputy Auditor effective 6-23-2025 at $18.00/hour. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**OPIOID FUNDS**

State Auditors advised that the opioid funds should have there own fund, so Auditor Petrak advised that the Commissioners need to approve the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Opioid Fund. Commissioner Mairose moved and Commissioner Dozark seconded to transfer the funds. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**CAMPGROUND ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

The 1st reading of the amendment to the campground ordinance was held, 2nd reading will be held at the July 3, 2025 meeting. Amendment is available for viewing at the Brule County Assessor’s Office.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Commissioner Mairose moved and Commissioner Swanson seconded to enter Board of Adjustment at 9:34 am regarding a variance for Warren Hickey for Lots 1 -15 of Hickey’s Addition S ½ of 36-105 71 in West Point Township. The variance is so that residential structures can be built within ½ mile of a campground. This variance will go with the land and not restrict the building of any residential structure in the future.

Commissioner Swanson moved and Commissioner Leiferman seconded to approve the variance. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Board of Adjustment declared over at 9:36 am.

**INSURANCE CLAIM**

A claim was filed with the Brule County Auditor for a pickup and horse trailer that was damaged when it struck a large boulder in the roadway while the Highway Department was maintaining the road. The claim will be turned over to the insurance company.

**LANDSCAPE QUOTE**

Quotes were obtained from CR Landscaping to remove the large cedar tree at the south end of the Courthouse lawn and to replant grass for $3,195 or to put landscaping rock around the tree for $2,761.50. Commissioner Leiferman moved and Commissioner Dozark seconded to accept the quote to remove the tree and plant grass and another shade tree. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The following reports were received and placed on file in the County Auditor’s office: Unsigned Letter from a Concerned Citizen.

**APPROVE CLAIMS**

Commissioner Dozark moved and Commissioner Swanson seconded to approve the following payroll and bills. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

# **GENERAL FUND**

***Salaries:*** Commissioners, 1551.90; Auditor, 2155.30; Treasurer, 3747.30; States Attorney, 6593.09; Assessor, 3165.19; Planning Commission, 287.29; Register of Deeds, 3069.51; Sheriff, 9006.44; Jail, 16,842.98; Courthouse, 2952.06; Veteran Service, 906.50; Victim Witness Coordinator, 234.00; Weed/Pest, 794.90. ***FICA & Medicare:*** First Dakota Bank, 4122.68. ***Retirement:*** SDRS, 3163.62. ***Insurance Reimbursement:*** 3565.19. ***Insurance:*** Allstate, 5813.33. Brooks Hardware, 50.95; Burke Oil Company, 1703.56; Byre Brothers, 167.00; Central Dakota Times, 205.93; Central Electric Cooperative, 164.00; Chamberlain Food Center, 40.87; City of Kimball, 55.00; Dean, Donna, 10.00; DeLange, Lucas, 38.14; Drover Fencing, 2932.65; Hefty Seed Company, 12,250.00; Hein Law Office, 3287.80; Hickey Funeral Home, 2942.00; Hoing, Vicki, 59.58; Hopkins Plumbing, Heating & Air, 187.94; KTC Construction, 472.81; Knecht, Robyn, 14.02; Langlade County Clerk of Courts, 2.50; Lewis Drug, 19.94; Lincoln County Auditor, 423.50; Mairose & Steele, 286.73; Mastercard, 5981.63; Microfilm Imaging Systems, 1051.00; Midstate Communications, 1028.68; Nepodal, Christine, 60.92; Odens, Melissa, 465.00; Olson’s Pest Tech Inc, 85.00; Petty Cash, 102.43; Reliance Telephone, 200.00; Riverview CDJR, 54.23; Sanford Health Network, 2016.00; Schumacher Elevator Company, 237.74; Servall Uniform/Linen Company, 44.41; SDRS Special Pay Plan, 4228.31; SDSU Extension, 622.08; SD Department of Health 445.00; SD Department of Revenue, 494.06; South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance, 49,304.08; Tech Solutions, 899.20; The Lodge at Deadwood, 565.00; Thomson Reuters – West Group, 501.00; Verizon Connect, 100.63; Verizon Wireless, 38.83; Wex Health Inc, 25.00.

**ROAD & BRIDGE FUND**

***Salaries:*** 13,225.90 ***FICA & Medicare:*** First Dakota Bank, 1013.76. ***Retirement:*** SDRS, 793.57. ***Insurance Reimbursement:*** 278.68 ***Insurance:*** Allstate, 2534.98. A & R Truck Equipment, 30.82; Aurora Brule Rural Water, 128.00; Brooks Hardware, 299.97; Burke Oil Company, 22,283.57; Central Electric Cooperative, 164.00; City of Chamberlain, 67.78; Mastercard, 638.70; Midstate Communications, 172.40; R & J Gravel, 5070.50; RDO Equipment Company, 3498.79; South Dakota Public Assurance Allinace, 19,304.51; Tech Solutions, 10.00; Truenorth Steel, 15,427.20; Verizon Wireless, 42.73.

**E911 FUND**

Midstate Communications, 335.17.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

***Salaries:*** 728.28 ***FICA & Medicare:*** First Dakota Bank, 69.76. ***Retirement:*** SDRS, 43.70. ***Insurance Reimbursement:*** 362.30. Midstate Communications, 73.89; South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance, 300.00; Tech Solutions, 38.30.

**24/7 SOBRIETY FUND**

***Salaries:*** 188.29. ***FICA & Medicare:*** First Dakota Bank, 17.18. ***Retirement:*** SDRS, 15.06. ***Insurance:*** Allstate, 6.57. ***Insurance Reimbursement:*** 27.82. Attorney General’s Office, 283.00;Mastercard, 171.94; Tech Solutons, 20.00.

**ROD MODERNIZATION & PRESERVATION FUND**

Microfilm Imaging Systems, 877.00; SD Association of County Commissioners, 164.00.

**TIF PAYMENTS**

City Of Chamberlain, 36,503.06.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Leiferman moved and Commissioner Mairose seconded to adjourn at 10:10 am with the next meeting being held on 7-3-2025 at 9:00 am. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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